

district for being acknowledged as among the "Top Ten Suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area," by D Magazine, a regional monthly publication. Top honors went to Southlake, Colleyville, Highland Village, Flower Mound, and Coppell based on these communities' excellent schools, affordability, and low crime rates.

Every two years, the magazine ranks some 50 plus suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth region, the State of Texas' largest metropolitan area. Highland Village was ranked number seven on this year's top ten after receiving top marks for its prime location on Lake Lewisville. D Magazine also noted that the city was ranked by the FBI as North Texas' Safest City two years running. Highland Village residents enjoy spending time around the lake and walking around the 12 foot wide walking trail that traverses the community.

I applaud Mayor Bill Lawrence and the City Council of Highland Village for building the City of Highland Village into a distinguished community. I was a long-time resident of Highland Village, and I am proud to represent such a vibrant city.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL TERRY E. JUSKOWIAK, COMMANDING GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY COMBINED ARMS SUPPORT COMMAND AND FORT LEE, VIRGINIA, FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION

### HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 7, 2004*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Major General Terry E. Juskowiak, Commanding General of the United States Army Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee, for his loyal service to the United States and Virginia's Fourth District.

Major General Juskowiak's dedication and loyalty to the advancement of our district and the nation as a whole is to be commended.

Major General Juskowiak's devotion to duty has reflected the highest standards of the military profession through a number of command and staff positions. He served with the 82nd Airborne Division as a member of the division staff and participated in Operation Just Cause in Panama. He went on to command the 407th Supply and Transport Battalion (Airborne), 82nd Airborne Division during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He also served as Commander of the Division Support Command, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) in Fort Drum, New York. He deployed to Haiti for Operation Uphold Democracy. He also participated in an eight-month rotation to the Bosnian Theater as the Assistant Division Commander for Support with the NATO Stabilizing Force for Operation Joint Endeavor/Guard. In 1998, Major General Juskowiak served as the Commanding General of CJTF-Kuwait during Operation Desert Fox. In 2000, he earned the position of Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics at Headquarters, United States Army Forces Command. He then went on to additionally take on the responsibility of Commanding General of the Combined Arms Support Command and Fort

Lee. His military education is extensive and includes the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Major General Juskowiak also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Citadel and a Masters degree of Science in Contract and Acquisition Management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Major General Juskowiak's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with OLC, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with OLC, the Army Achievement Medal, Master Parachutist Wings, the Ranger tab, the Parachute Rigger Badge, the General Staff Identification Badge, the Australian, the Canadian, the Greek and the Israeli parachute badges.

Major General Juskowiak has shown tremendous commitment and devotion to his country. Today we recognize him for his unwavering patriotism and dedication to both his profession and the American people.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Major General Terry E. Juskowiak.

HONORING BELLEROSE MAYOR  
THOMAS VAN BUSKIRK

### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 7, 2004*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Thomas Van Buskirk, the Mayor of Bellerose Village and a person I am pleased to call a friend. After serving the village for almost 20 years, the last 11 as Mayor, he is taking a well deserved retirement. I thank him for his dedicated and loyal service.

Tom moved to Bellerose Village with his family, wife Roberta and their two sons Tom Jr. and Christian, in 1985 and immediately immersed himself into the town. He became a member of the fire department in 1986 and within six years was the Second Deputy Chief. In 1988, he was appointed to the Village's Board of Trustees as well as Recreation Commissioner. In 1991, in his election victory for the Board, Tom received more votes than any other candidate in the history of Bellerose Village.

By revitalizing the Recreation Commission, Tom was able to improve the community by providing residents with opportunities to enjoy leisure activities. He also installed the first children's play area in the recreation area. Maintaining his focus on energizing the community, Tom, along with Roberta, instituted the Annual Food Drive to help the less fortunate in the surrounding areas. They also started the Village Bellerose Summer Children's Program in 1989, which gives children and teenagers a place to participate in sports and arts and crafts for two summer weeks. One of Tom's major successes has been the revamping of Bellerose Village Day, one of the town's best attended functions, which culminates in a barbecue for over 400 people.

Elected as Mayor in 1993, Tom put his energy into moving the Village forward into the new millennium. He renovated Village Hall, upgraded the fire departments and first re-

sponders, repaired the drainage system, and on and on. As Mayor, Tom has always taken pride in his relationship with the residents of Bellerose. He has taken the time to quickly help resolve peoples' issues.

As for all Americans, particularly New Yorkers, 9/11 was, and is still a difficult day. Although he was hurting, Tom led the town through the difficult time by bringing everyone together and honoring those lost and supporting our country. On the first anniversary of 9/11, he orchestrated the development of a Memorial Garden to the victims of 9/11 and dedicated the garden and a monument to those lost.

In Tom's tenure as Mayor he has revitalized the infrastructure of the Village and the spirit of the residents. Through hard work, dedication and his love for his hometown, Tom has made Bellerose Village's slogan come to life, "Bellerose Village . . . an American Beauty." I am happy Tom and his family have no plans of leaving Bellerose because although he is no longer Mayor, I know he will be active in his community. Once again Tom, thank you.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4613,  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

### HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2004*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my support for the conference report for H.R. 4613, the Department of Defense Appropriations FY05. At a time when our brave men and women in uniform are serving their country with great honor and distinction, this legislation will provide valuable funding for personnel, equipment, and so many other great needs our military faces. This money is critical to their continued success in their current missions. As long as our troops are in harms way, fighting the war on terrorism, we must continue to make sure they receive our full support.

The district I represent includes well over one hundred thousand soldiers at Fort Meade and the Aberdeen Proving Ground. This bill provides a 3.5 percent pay raise for our uniformed personnel—a critical step in the right direction. This bill also includes important funding for our Active Guard Personnel for their missions abroad and here at home.

This conference report includes the proper balance of tactical military and necessary diplomatic funding. For example, I am pleased to see money for many important projects like the Shadow 200 UAV and the F/A 22 fighter as well as support for humanitarian initiatives. The Shadow 200 UAV, which is a product of one of the vital military companies in the Maryland 2nd Congressional District, allows for secure surveillance operations to be performed with optimal safety for our military personnel. I am also pleased to see that the F/A-22 fighter program has received the full appropriation request. And I believe that the \$95 million dollar appropriation to aid State Department efforts in Sudan and Chad represents an important part of our responsibility to ensure that stability and security are brought to this region of the world.